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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
District of Delaware
844 N. King Street
Room 4124, Lockbox 27
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Stanziale v. Pepper Hamilton LLP, et al., No. 04-1551

Dear Judge Farnan:

This firm represents defendants W. Roderick Gagné personally, Robert L. Bast, Pamela Bashore Gagné and seven Trusts in the above-captioned civil action, which is one of the four cases arising out of the Student Finance Corporation bankruptcy that are pending before Your Honor. Motions to Dismiss the Complaint in this action are presently pending before Your Honor.

In letters dated April 14, April 15, April 28 and May 6, 2005, counsel for various parties in the four cases requested that Your Honor schedule a joint status conference. While we oppose any suggestion that the four cases be consolidated for all purposes, including trial, we join in the request for a joint status conference.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil G. Epstein", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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